

CULTURAL BAZAAR 2018

Taking care of quality arts and cultural education

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Cultural Bazaar 2017.
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The Cultural Bazaar is an important part of the systematic development of arts and cultural education set out a decade ago jointly by the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and the National Educational Institute Slovenia. The executive producer of the project is Cankarjev dom, Cultural and Congress Centre Ljubljana. This year the Cultural Bazaar is offering its inspiration for the tenth time.

On the anniversary of the national project we put together a rich and attractive programme of professional training (presentations, lectures, workshops and more).

The main theme of the programme is the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, with special attention being devoted to the Year of Cankar 2018 and to intergenerational connection in the area of culture.

Experts around the world and in Slovenia recognise that the experiences of children and young people with high-quality arts and cultural education are vital for their overall development, so it is important to enable them to become familiar with various fields of art and thereby with various ways of expressing oneself and communicating (through words, movement, images, music and so on). An important part in this process is played by creative partnerships – between cultural institutions and other fields (education, science, agriculture, health, environment and spatial planning) – which contribute to the transfer of creative skills from the cultural sphere to other fields.

As part of the programme we will get to know how in these ten years interdepartmental cooperation has helped us to succeed in various ways in raising awareness of the importance of high-quality cultural and artistic education, and in promoting numerous creative partnerships which today are not just contributing to a more innovative learning environment, but are also promoting



creative thinking, social inclusion, strengthening social skills and having numerous other positive effects on the development of individuals and society.

GOLDEN STICK AND FILM SCHOOL PORTALS

A special place in the programme is occupied by the presentation of five-year national projects in the area of arts and cultural education, which are co-financed by the Slovenian Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, with European Union support through the European Social Fund.

Here we should mention two significant new features in the area of cultural and artistic education: the Golden Stick portal and the Film School portal.

Whenever you want to go to the theatre with children and young people, you often face the question of which production to choose for a particular age group and how to recognise a high-



quality one that will offer young audiences an artistically rich experience that is interesting in content, emotionally stimulating, enchanting and inspiring. One of the tools you can use to help in this decision is the new web platform Golden Stick (Zlata paličica), which can be found at www.zlatapalicica.si.

Golden Stick is a reference database for searching and initial recognition of high-quality theatrical productions for children and young people. The purpose of the platform, which the Slovenian Theatre Institute has been setting up as part of the national project Gleda(l) išče, is to gather together in one place a selection of recommended productions chosen by a three-member expert panel composed of experts qualified in the theatre, education and developmental psychology. The platform ensures systematic and continuous familiarisation with professional theatre institutions and those involved in performance from across Slovenia, and with high-quality professional theatre productions for audiences in the process of becoming adults. It opens the door to the theatre – a fun-filled and brilliant space of open, emotionally charged, creative dialogue, outstanding artistic achievement and innovative, flexible forms of learning.

Film School (Šola filma) – www.solafilma.si is an informational interactive website intended first and foremost for providing information

and additional professional training for professionals involved in education in the field of film and film education.

It will also be a useful tool for other experts who wish to steer young people towards high-quality film education and for students of various courses, especially for future education and culture professionals.

Film School is being set up by the Art Cinema Network of Slovenia as part of the Film Primary School, a five-year national education project for primary school educators, and by Slovenska kinoteka as part of Understanding Film, a five-year national education project intended for secondary school educators. An important part of the portal is the database of learning materials, guidelines and recommendation lists, along with the database of film works available for screening for educational purposes. The attractive and agreeably interactive Film School also highlights current events organised and implemented by the two projects, along with numerous partner cultural institutions and individuals.

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5 April at **Cankarjev dom**, Ljubljana

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Concluding event of the Cultural Bazaar 2018: iCankar, crime thriller for young people. Production: Zavod Margareta Schwarzwald, Cankarjev dom and Mestno gledališče Ptuj. Photo: Tina Bonca